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Valley of the Drums AL-Taylor Site Kentucky

Chief, Residuals Management Branch

Sanford Harvey, Director  
Enforcement Division

Thru: Thomas W. Devine, Director  
Air and Hazardous Materials Division

Please refer to the attached record of telephone conversation with Commissioner Jack Wilson of Kentucky dated February 22, 1980. As you can see the status of the States' action toward solving the "Valley of the Drums" problem has progressed very little in the last year. We are of the opinion that we have allowed the State to "have the lead" long enough. Hence we are referring this case to you for action for the following reasons:

- o Ford Motor Co. only admits to 350 of the drums being theirs.
- o The other companies to date have made no commitment to the State.
- o If the drums are not disposed properly, soon they will start to leak as others did before.
- o The 311 treatment system was not designed to last forever.

In summary, we think the potential is likely that additional releases will be made to the stream.

Jim Scarbrough

Attachment

cc: Jack Wilson ✓

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**Changes to Kentucky Hazardous Waste Law**

**Chief, Residuals Management Branch  
Air & Hazardous Materials Division**

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Please refer to the attached record of telephone communication with Jack Wilson of Kentucky dated February 22, 1980. This memo is to request that you send Mr. Wilson your opinion in writing of what the situation will be for potential permittees in Kentucky should the Legislature not change the statute and EPA runs the RCRA Subtitle C program in Kentucky. It is imperative that your opinion be sent to Jack immediately since their Legislature will only be in session during the month of March.

James H. Scarbrough

Attachment

cc: Jack Wilson ✓  
State of Kentucky